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President's Message:

NEW YEAR ASPIRATIONS

2010 is here! Sickness, pain, calamities, evil and brutality is overshadowed by a mirage of optimism, security & economic stability. All the same, we continue to hope for a brighter & better New Year. What shape will it take and how do we make humanity better in everyday life?

We turn to Scripture for an answer. It may surprise us that a spiritual war is in progress. An all-out moral battle exists. God is against every form of wickedness and unrighteousness. He enlists combatants to His side. Defectors or spectators in life are bypassed. Singled out to bear His glory, every soldier of the Cross lives in singular pursuit of doing the will of God. He is captured by a vision that bears the stamp of eternity. All else is temporary and passing away.

Still we find ourselves sucked into the getting and consuming that underpins our society, the awful and mindless busyness that drains our energy. Apart from Him, God-of-the -Armies, our destiny is doomed. In and through Him we find a passion for living that ignites our homes, offices, clinics, hospitals. There the battle rages in the midst of troubles, frailties, uncertainties. We're on display, closely watched while we stay at our post. Reality as we know it is strange, paradoxical, unexpected and often disappointing. In confusion, we can praise, not stay worried; in darkness, we bask in His light; in tears yet always filled with deep joy; poor yet enriching many, having nothing, having it all (2 Cor 6:10). Regardless of our conditions, in good times, tough times, bad times, He works it out to our advantage and for His glory. Not just a conqueror in this battle, but more than one. Let none persuade you otherwise.

Stay vigilant. Our enemy is a vanquished foe. 2010 lived on God's side, by God promises, will be a triumphant, exceedingly, abundantly good Year.

Jesus said "You're blessed when you get your inside world-your mind and heart- put right. Then you can see God in the outside world." Matt 5:8 (The Message)

Yours joyfully-in-Him,

Dr Boey Mee Leng

Highlights of activities July-December 2009

Prayer for the Nations 15th August 2009



Praying over medical students



Rev Wong Tuck Meng preaching

“Righteousness in Healthcare” was the theme for the Prayer for the Nations Meeting. Rev Wong Tuck Meng from St Andrew’s Community Hospital spoke of the need for personal righteousness to flow out to our workplace, influencing governance, policies, processes and delivery of care. It was a powerful and deeply moving message. 2 christian healthcare organisations, namely Singapore Nurses Christian Fellowship and Christian Medical & Dental Fellowship were represented and we prayed for God’s blessings over their ministries. Medical/dental and nursing students were remembered in prayer and healthcare workers from the nations of China, India, Malaysia, Myanmar and Philippines stood in the gap in prayer for their beloved countries.

Hospital Visitation Seminar @ Thomson Road Baptist Church- 5th September 2009

Drs Boey ML, Tjan SY and Chew SC were the trainers. They taught on the biblical basis of hospital visitation and the do’s and don’ts when visiting patients in a hospital setting. The role play session was particularly enlightening. Lay church members and healthcare workers were given training as they divided into teams for a ‘hands-on’, practical approach to patients. At the close of the seminar, many expressed they have benefitted and understood that healthcare is about loving patients and doing good to the sick and suffering.



Participants



Drs S Chew & SY Tjan

HCF Asia Pacific Conference 4-8 Oct 2009- “Wholistic Medicine”

@ Awana Genting Highlands, Golf & Country Resort, Malaysia

A testimony by Erica Chiang



Group photo



Singapore/China/Taiwan performing together

I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend this Conference. It felt so blessed by the Word of God and worship together with my fellow brethren from 31 nations. Messages by Dr Chris Steyn on ‘Holotelistic Healthcare’ which is a Christian approach to healthcare, and Dr Thomas Chung on ‘Kingdom Living’ were deeply moving and they spurred us to a deeper level in our spiritual lives. I was reminded to work out my salvation as I serve Him (2Pet 1:10,11). Dr Thomas Chung referred to the seemingly aimless wanderings of Abraham when he obeyed God’s calling to leave his homeland. There are times we may lose our sense of purpose in serving God, questioning, “what am I doing in this meeting/task/ mission?” Well, just obey Him.

There were many blessings from the Lord as the Word was preached. You have to be there in order to taste it! Dr Arul’s (from Sri Lanka) daily morning devotions were simply moving. I attended the workshop on “mental health” conducted by Prof Maniam of UKM and Dr Michele Buot from the Philippines. It was excellent. In one of the sessions, we discussed how to differentiate between mental illness and demonization.

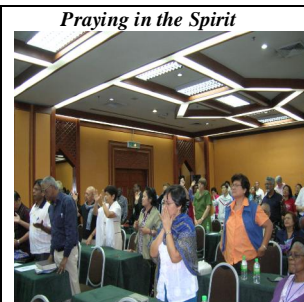
I was deeply touched by the testimonies of 2 brothers from the China HCF ministry and the Taiwan Christian Medical Mission respectively. They gave themselves unselfishly to the Lord’s work. Equally amazing were the Pakistan HCF full-time worker who loves God so much despite the difficult situation in his country and the Mongolian doctor who serves God in a palliative care hospital.

Nearer home, I was delighted to meet my fellow Sabahans (Karen, Benedict, Calvin, Anna, Catherine, Dr Enoch Tan & his wife and Dr Goh SW. As to food, I must commend the Resort for the many choices they offered in their buffet: Western and Asian (Malay, Chinese & Indian, etc.). The spread of food was simply delicious! The fellowship in the body of Christ was so enjoyable and encouraging. Through this Conference, I’ve tasted that the Lord is good.” 1Pet 2:3

HCFI Global Prayer Summit 9-12 Oct 2009

@ Awana Genting Highlands, Golf & Country Resort, Malaysia

My response to receiving the flyer advertising the HCF Prayer Summit was one of excitement! The thought of quietness, refreshment and soaking in the presence of God was most appealing. I wasn't disappointed. I was touched by the tender heart of David McMillian as he spoke and led in worship. He mentioned that we need to intentionally feed our appetite for God and develop a habit for desiring God's presence. He stressed the unity of believers as being vital in prayer and for the need to develop a circle of agreement in ministry as our unity on earth expresses the unity of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. There is multiplication of strength in unity (Lev 26: 8). We were taught to pray prophetically & graphically using Scripture as our source. Frequently our intent in prayer is focused on our needs but we need to shift our focus to the throne of God. The teaching sessions ended with a study of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Mealtimes gave us the opportunity to fellowship with brethren serving all over the world in the healthcare fields. At the end of the Summit, I was very touched by Auntie Erasmia's promise to continue to pray for me and my country. It was a wonderful time of refreshment for me and I highly recommended this Summit to all. **Dr Anita Lim**



Carolling @ National University Hospital, & Mount Elizabeth Hospital 19 -20th December 2009



Members from 5 churches and 15 healthcare workers from NUH met in Clinic D for a time of briefing and practice of carols before adjourning to the wards with gifts for the patients. They visited 11 wards and sowed seeds of His love through song and prayer. 70% of participants were young people. This strong partnership with volunteers from the churches was heart-warming as we worked together as one body, drawn by compassion for the sick and suffering. In Mount Elizabeth Hospital, "The Messengers" led by Zero Fu and members of the Indonesian Full Gospel Fellowship (IGF) Church ministered together. Their songs brought tears to many.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medical Outreach to Foreign workers



The Cathedral Medical Fellowship has launched a mobile clinic to cater to the medical needs of sojourners in our land. Doctors, nurses, lawyers, pharmacists & non-medical volunteers are needed for this clinic which is held on a Saturday evening once in 2 months. Financial contribution is also welcomed. Cheques can be made out to St Andrew's Community Hospital with "Medical Outreach to Foreign Workers" written on the back. For details & more information, please contact **Dr Joseph Thambiah** @ josephthambiah@gmail.com

Cambodia project

Calling volunteers in healthcare profession, particularly doctors, dentists and nurses, who have a keen passion to reach out to the under-privileged in Cambodia and make a difference in their lives. This project is part of SiloamXperience's Community Enhancement efforts in Cambodia to educate, provide wellness check and to empower them on health and hygiene matters. Though we have organised various humanitarian and community enhancement projects in the villages of Cambodia for the last 4 years, this is our first project that involves both health & hygiene in a carnival setting.

Organiser: SiloamXperience LLP

Title / Nature of Activity: **Health & Hygiene Wellness Carnival 2010**

Date(s) of Activity: 13th to 17th March 2010 (Sat to Wed). **Enquires-** kindly contact **Janette Goh** at : janette_siloam@yahoo.com.sg



We wish to thank the following partners for their sacrifice of time, finance and labour of love towards us & for being such a great blessing :-

Churches: Evangel Family Church, Deeper Life Church, St James Church, Thomson Road Baptist Church, Faith Community Baptist Church, Cornerstone Community Church, Centre of New Life Church, Indonesian Full Gospel Fellowship Church, Hakka Methodist Church, Gereja Kristus Yesus, International Evangel Church, The Bible Church, Jurong Christian Church.

Organisations: Singapore Nurses Christian Fellowship, Christian Medical & Dental Fellowship, Campus Crusade for Christ, Equipping Leaders for Asia, EQUIP, St Andrew's Community Hospital, St Luke's Hospital & **groups-** Myanmar HCF group in Singapore, 'The Messengers', **and** chaplains, friends, members and supporters of HCF.

Coming Soon!

<p>New Year Day of Prayer- 2nd January 2010</p>  <p>Theme: War-time life-style in Healthcare Speaker: Ms Leonora van Tonder, Itinerant HCFI Consultant Time: 2.30-5.30pm Venue: Seminar Room, Level 2, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Spore 228510</p>	<p>Seminar on 'Handling Offences' 9 January 2010</p> <p>Trainer: Leonora van Tonder Venue: Thomson Road Baptist Church Time: 9am – 5 pm Cost fees: \$10 (includes material and tea-breaks)</p>	<p>Divine Plumblin Seminar 14-17 January 2010</p> <p>Venue: Leisure Farm Resort, Johor Bahru, Malaysia Cost (includes material, accommodation, food): \$200 Facilitators: Leonora van Tonder Dr Low Bee Lee Ms Tan Chiew Hwa</p>	<p>Prayer Retreat 5-7 March 2010</p> <p>Venue: Leisure Farm Resort, Johor Bahru, Malaysia Accommodation: estimated \$50 per person</p>
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HCF wishes you and your loved ones a blessed New Year!

